ment (NIPM) has its specific Rules and Regulations, duly approved by the Governing Body in Sept. 1992 A copy of Rules and Regulations has been placed in the library and notice has been given to all its employees to persue, xerox extracts and to aquinr themselves with the said Rules and Regulations.

Non-utilization of Prime Computers in the National Institute of Port Management

3794. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount was invested in the purchase of sophisticated Prime Computers for the National Institute of Port Management, Madras which are lying idle since the date of installation, without serving the purpose for which they were purchased;

(b) if so, whether this fact was informed to the Ministry of Surface Transport; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Ministry of Surface Transport for proper utilisation of the said sophisticated Prime Computers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) One Prime Super Mini Computer was purchased by the National Institute of Port Management (NIPM) at a cost of Rs. 12.95 lakhs and installed on 24.6.89. Due to voltage fluctuation in the rural grid, where the NIPM was shifted in Oct., 1989, the computer went out of order from 27.9.90. The supplier firm was requested to rectify the defects. The company failed to taken any remedial action. A legal notice was served on them on 13.10.92 to either rectify the system or to take back the computer and refund the cost thereof with interest. A final notice was again sent to the firm on 10.3.93. As the supplier did not responded to this notice, a Civil Suit has been filed against them on 30.4.93 for breach of contractual obligation at the High Court of Madras, in accordance with the decision of the Governing Body of NIPM. The Ministry was informed of ths position by NIPM on 26th July, 1993. The matter is still pedning with the Madras High Court.

Recognition to Radar Communication Course in the National Institute of Port Management

3795. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General Shipping has not recognised/approved the National Institute of Port Management, Madras to run the radar Communication Course in the Institute; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for rejecting recognition/approval of the Radar Communication Course in the National Institute if Port Management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) National Institute of Port Management, Madras, has never made any request for approval to conduct Radar Communication Course to the Director General of Shipping The Institute had made a request for granting approval for commencement of Radar Observers' Course in June, 1993, which was not approved by the Director General of Shipping.

(b) The National Institute of Port Management, Madras, has been set up mainly for conducting Port related Courses. The Radar Observers Course relates to maritime studies and does not form part of the Port related Courses.